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Hockey reunion

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School alumnus Josh Burk and the rest of his 1987-1999 team showed they still have it in the second of two alumni showcase games featured in the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden on Saturday, Feb. 2. More on page 23.

Darren Lum
Staff

Dysart puts offer on school

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The municipality of Dysart et al is putting in an offer of \$245,000 to the Trillium Lakelands District School Board for the building and property that were once home to the Victoria Street School.

Council passed a resolution at their Jan. 28

meeting directing staff to move forward on the purchase and sale agreement with the board.

The discussion on the purchase agreement was held during a closed session of council.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey said if successful in the purchase, the municipality would look into using the facility in partnership with a community organization.

A former student of the school, Fearrey said plans would be made with the community inter-

ests kept in mind.

"The plan is to take ownership and work from there," said Fearrey. "There are a number of things that require space in the community that we haven't been able to accommodate. I think it will be positive in the long run."

Fearrey seemed confident talks between the municipality and the board were nearing com-

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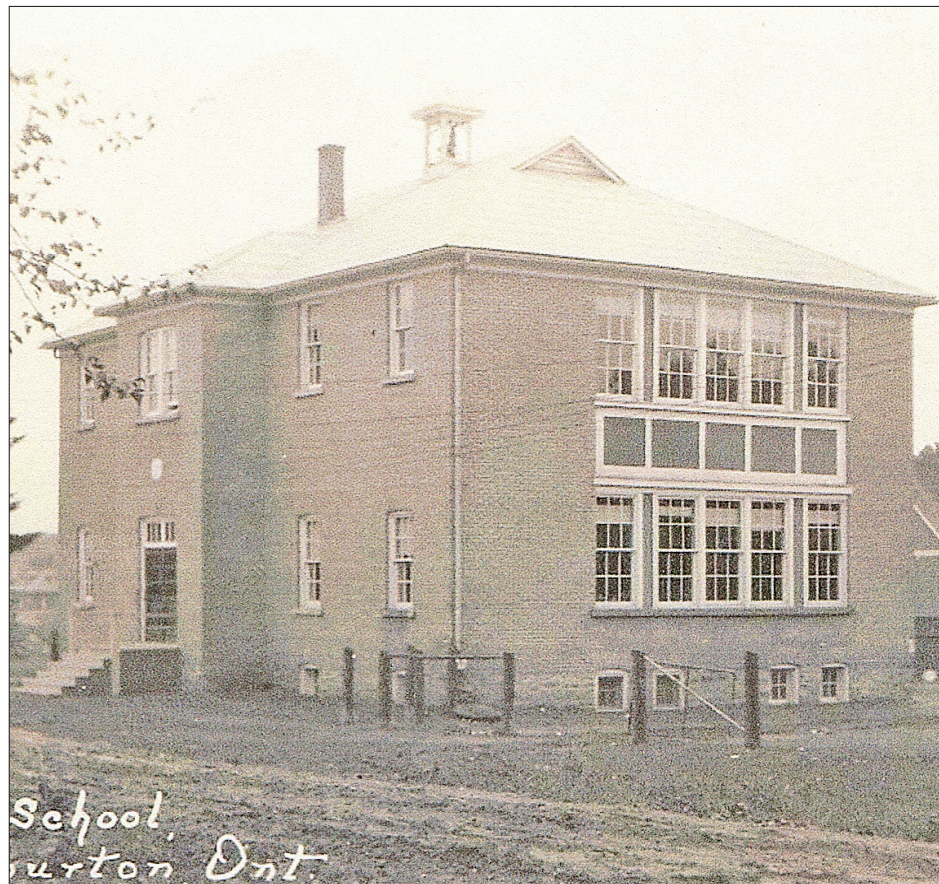
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Originally called the Haliburton Public School, S.S. No. 3, the brick structure was later known as the Victoria Street School and is currently owned by Trillium Lakelands District School Board.



The former Victoria Street School on the corner of Pine Street and Victoria Avenue in Haliburton Village has been vacant since late 2012. Dysart has offered Trillium Lakelands District School Board \$245,000 for the building and property.

School board says it's considering bid

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pletion.

Trillium Lakelands communications manager Catherine Shedden said the board has not received any other offers on the building.

"[TLDSB] has received the offer from Dysart and are considering it. We should know some more details hopefully by the end of February," she said.

The board declared the historic building land surplus in May of last year.

Built in 1924, the former public school was used as an

elementary institution until 1999, when Stuart Baker Elementary School was built.

It was most recently home to the Adult Education and Training Centre and Youth Unlimited before becoming vacant late last year.

Efforts continue to gather wolves

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

More than a month after they were released from their compound, wolves at the Haliburton Forest are still roaming the wild and unable to get back into their home.

As of Feb. 4, Haida and Lonestar had still not been reunited with their pack, after vandals cut holes into the fences surrounding the wolf centre on Jan. 1.

With four wolves initially released, two have since died.

While staff at Haliburton Forest initially thought it was Haida, the alpha male, who was shot and killed by a passing motorist, staff sightings have since confirmed it was Logan who is thought to have been killed.

A carcass was never found.

Alpha female Granite was found by staff on Jan. 10 with bullet wounds and other injuries.

She died from her injuries on Jan. 12 after much effort to keep her alive.

Despite the lapse in time, the Forest's general manager Dave Bishop is still optimistic the two remaining wolves will be returned home safely, eventually.

"They were seen this past weekend close again [to the compound] so our traps are set ... We just have to hope that we'll get them in," he said.

A criminal investigation into the matter is still ongoing, with Haliburton OPP and the Ministry of Natural Resources looking into the case.

Both the OPP and MNR have yet to identify a suspect or group responsible for the crime, said Bishop.

"That's really out of our hands right now."

With five wolves remaining in the compound, staff have not yet thought about replacing the two deceased wolves, as their focus currently lies in reuniting the pack.

"The challenge is we need get the two outside the enclosure in, because inside the enclosure all we have are females," said Bishop.

Staff continue to feed the two wolves with carcasses and have traps set up to try to lure them back to their home.

Recent cold temperatures have hindered the process somewhat, according to the Forest's Facebook page.

"They've been out now for a month and are really quite cagey."

The general manager holds onto the idea the Forest will be successful in reuniting the wolves.

"At some point we will be," he said.

The wolf situation at the Forest has prompted owner Peter Schleifenbaum to set up a fund for education and research into wolves, through third party institutions. Donations can be made by visiting www.haliburtonforest.com.

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HHHS board has mixed feelings about integration

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Members of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board continue to scratch their heads over the integration process being implemented by the Local Health Integration Network.

There were many unanswered questions at the HHHS Jan. 31 board meeting, where representative Kate Reed of the Central East LHIN gave members an in-depth overview of the process to take place over the next 15 months.

The process will see community organizations Community Care Haliburton County, Community Care City of Kawartha Lakes, SIRCH Community Services, Haliburton Highlands Health Services and Ross Memorial Hospital integrate through co-ordination, collaboration and a transfer of responsibilities, said Reed.

With the Central East LHIN's funding for seniors not on par with other LHINs, the integration will result in value for dollars and deal with economic realities from a budgetary perspective, she said.

"We're trying to make the most of the public's investment," said Reed.

The province has earmarked \$20 million in funding for small, rural and northern hospitals, with \$560,000 available for HHHS and Ross Memorial Hospital.

The funding is only available for operating costs dur-

ing the integration process and not capital costs.

A facilitator, who has yet to be appointed, will be instrumental in steering the process and will be overseen by the Central East LHIN integrated planning team, according to Reed.

The executive committee of the board decided they will meet more frequently during the process, as there are still many unknowns and communication is key.

"I think it's very important we have the board involved with this integration process," said chairman Len Logozar.

A draft integration plan will be presented to the HHHS board in October, with a final plan to be completed by November, said HHHS CEO Varouj Eskedjian.

"If we don't endorse it we better have sound rationale on why not," he said.

Some members raised certain worries about the impending process, such as the fear of losing fundraising dollars from the community or good jobs.

Others saw an opportunity for significant savings in back office areas, such as rent.

An initial integration meeting was held in Peterborough on Jan. 11.

"I have to believe there will be some consensus at the end of the day in terms of structure," said Eskedjian.

The CEO said he has been told if there is a loss of jobs those savings will be transferred to front line services.

"We can't argue with that," said Eskedjian.

If jobs were lost the board should ensure the money



We're trying to make the most of the public's investment.

— Kate Reed

saved stays within in the community, said member Bram Lebo.

"You don't save any money that way though," said member Charles Simon, arguing the point of the process was for cost savings in the long term.

"I understand, but you get more services for the same amount of money," said Lebo.

The integration process will be LHIN-driven but not implemented in a top down approach, said Reed.

The LHIN is to submit approved projects, measures of progress and knowledge of a transfer strategy by Feb. 14.

Weekly planning meetings are to be held between the five organizations, with the expectation of an integration plan to be rolled out by April 2014.



Inspiring donation

Count and Countess Edouard de Moustier enjoy the winter scenery from their home near Haliburton. The couple recently donated \$4,000 to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. The couple were inspired to donate after receiving such "wonderful care" from HHHS. The funds went to the organization's Believe in the Magic of Giving campaign for central patient monitoring systems. The donation helped HHHSF surpass their \$90,000 goal and raise a total of \$102,000.

Angelica Blenich Staff

Capital projects to draw Dysart reserves

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Renovations underway at the A.J. LaRue arena have made a significant impact on Dysart's 2013 budget.

Council looked at a preliminary draft budget presented by treasurer Barbara Swannell at their Jan. 28 meeting.

The draft budget has total expenses coming in at close to \$11.5 million, with more than \$2 million dedicated to recreation and culture.

Last year, total expenses for the municipality were \$10.1 million, with recreation

and culture costing the township just more than \$1 million.

To offset the cost, Swannell is proposing the municipality use reserves and other non-tax revenue. The 2013 budget has \$4.2 million coming from non-tax revenue, while 2012 had \$3 million.

Taxes remain steady, with the draft budget including a 2.5 per cent increase on the levy.

The increase means a residential tax rate of \$194.07 per \$100,000 of assessment, compared to a 2012 rate of \$186.61 per assessment.

The commercial rate will also see a slight increase, with a proposed \$287.75 per

\$100,000 assessment compared to 2012's rate at \$276.68.

Reserves will decrease by \$160,000 in 2013 to help fund capital and infrastructure projects, ending with an overall balance of \$2.4 million.

Apart from the arena the reserve funds will also go toward projects like the Highland Street streetscape, Swannell told the paper.

Dysart received more than \$400,000 in federal funding for the arena project. To cover the balance of the project, additional debt will be incurred.

The total revenue for the draft budget is \$11.5 million, with more than \$5 million

received through taxation.

The remaining sources of revenue came from other non-tax revenue and grants and payments in lieu.

The municipality's largest expenses are transportation services, costing \$3.4 million and environmental services at \$2.5 million.

The environment budget is up \$73,000 compared to 2012.

The 2013 draft budget includes a recommendation from Swannell to include a \$51,000 surplus incurred in 2012.

The Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund is being reduced by \$40,000 compared to 2012.

Dysart looks at increasing fees in 2013

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Jan. 28 meeting of Dysart et al council.

A number of changes to fees throughout municipal departments could be made this year.

Department heads proposed increases to fire department services, planning fees, landfill and building permit fees.

Changes to fire services resulted in the creation of two new charges for burning violations during regulated hours and a fire ban.

Fire chief Miles Maughan proposed a \$350 fee per hour, per vehicle for a violation committed during regulated hours.

A \$700 fee per hour, per vehicle was proposed for a fire ban violation.

Other changes included increasing the cost of a fire report from \$25 to \$35.

The Ministry of Transportation determines the fee for the fire department's response to any type of accident on a highway, road or trail. The 2013 fee is currently \$410.

Council approved the new fee schedule.

Public works director Brian Nicholson proposed changes to landfill fees and discontinuing the shrink-wrap program, due to a financial loss.

The proposed increases included changing the price of disposing contaminated soil (with Ministry of Environment approval) from \$20 per cubic yard to \$40.

The other increase is for boat disposal, which will now cost \$8 a foot. All boats must be stripped of engine and drive line. The previous fee was \$2 a foot if stripped of all metal and \$4 if not stripped.

Council voted in favour of changing the fees, with the exception of Councillor Susan Norcross.

Chief building official Dan Sayers proposed the municipality look at increasing building permit fees, with the last increase made in 2010.

With neighbouring municipalities recently increasing their fees, Dysart's are now the

lowest in the county, according to Sayers's report to council.

Sayers is proposing an increase in the cost per square foot, increasing by \$0.5 or \$0.10, depending on the classification.

Council approved the proposal, which will now go to a public meeting, scheduled for March 4 at 5 p.m. in council chambers.

Planning director Patricia Martin proposed a change in the minor variance application fee, going from \$600 to \$750.

The fee has not been increased in recent years, with applications becoming more complex to process, according to Martin's report to staff.

Council discussed the increase, with a bylaw scheduled for February's meeting.

Farmers' market not returning to Haliburton this year

The Haliburton County Farmers' Market Association will not be returning to Haliburton Village this summer but has plans to host a summer market in Head Lake Park in 2014.

The association submitted a letter to council outlining their hope to bring their vendors to Haliburton Village for the summer months in 2014, in addition to hosting their Friday market in Carnarvon.

Last year, the farmers' market moved to Rotary Beach Park, operating from Labour Day weekend to Thanksgiving on Fridays from 2 to 6 p.m.

According to farmers' market chairwoman Angel Taylor, most of the vendors found their sales in Haliburton comparable to those in Carnarvon.

The location, however, lacked visibility and posed other drawbacks, wrote Taylor in her letter.

Therefore, if the market were to return to Haliburton Village the farmers' market would like to use Head Lake Park due to its location and visibility.

The association is proposing a Tuesday market in Haliburton Village during July and August, in addition to a Friday market in Car-



Darren Lum Staff

Carnarvon will continue to host the summer farmers' market in 2013, while Haliburton Village will have to wait until 2014

narvon.

They are focusing on consolidating their market and implementing a marketing plan this year and will not be considering an expansion until 2014.

The Carnarvon market will be held this summer from the end of June until October, according to Taylor.

Council approves draft plan of subdivision

Council has approved the draft plan of a proposed subdivision to be located on the corner of Ridgeview Road and Mountain Street.

The proposal was first brought to council in 2003, with the owner proposing to sever his property into seven lots for residential purposes. The owner is resubmitting his applications for consent, as it has since lapsed.

Martin recommended council approve the plan subject to conditions, such as a site development plan and a stormwater man-

agement report.

The proposal is consistent with provincial policy and the Dysart official plan.

The matter was brought to a public meeting on Jan. 23 at Haliburton County council chambers where no one spoke in opposition to the development.

Roads to receive work

Council adopted a roads need study that identifies municipal roads that need maintenance or repair work.

The study includes five roads to be worked on in 2013, including Cranberry Lake Road, Boughner Road, Gates Road, Park Street and Wigamog Road.

Nicholson said while the study was not set in stone, the department would use it as a guide.

The scope of the work to be completed includes rehabilitation, minor rehabilitation and reconstruction.

The capital cost for the work is estimated to cost \$768,000.

Devolin to table TSW bill by summer

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Barry Devolin plans to table his private member's bill calling for changes at the Trent Severn Waterway by summer.

In 2012, there were significant budget cuts at Parks Canada, which oversees the canal, leading to numerous layoffs and a merging of its management with that of the Rideau Canal.

However, Devolin doesn't believe the TSW belongs under the purview of Parks Canada at all.

"The TSW should be a more independent entity," he said, noting that the waterway, "is not a park, it's not a greenspace."

The MP's bill will have three main recommendations, one of which is the creation of a new governing body for the TSW, whether that be a Crown corporation or a stakeholder-based board, something more along

the lines of the Toronto Airport Authority.

Devolin said he realizes a drawback to this latter approach may be the reluctance of the federal government to hand over millions of dollars to a board of which it does not have majority control.

The model could be created solely for the TSW, or to oversee the five federally run waterways in Ontario and Quebec.

"The Trent Severn is by far the biggest and most complicated of the five," Devolin said, adding that if any of the waterways should stand on its own, it's the TSW.

Second, instead of being responsible to Parks Canada, which belongs to the Ministry of Environment, Devolin believes the TSW should report to the Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities.

"The public perception of the TSW is different than the reality," he said. "The public perception is that it's mostly about boating and a little bit about water management, when the truth is, it's mostly about water management and a little bit about boat-

ing."

Third, Devolin said, "we need to disentangle the costs of water management, which doesn't make money, from navigation and visitors' services, which should be able to support itself."

The MP believes the government needs to heighten the tourism profile of the TSW, which contains the two highest hydraulic liftlocks in the world at Peterborough and Kirkfield.

"Maybe getting someone who worked for Carnival Cruises or someone who worked for Paramount Canada's Wonderland or someone who worked for Whistler," Devolin said. "We need someone who comes from that world."

He's met with politicians along the waterway, including Haliburton reps, in the drafting of the bill, a process that is still underway.

"To write a private member's bill you have to be very specific," he said. "I had sort of self-imposed a deadline of Christmas,

but I wasn't ready. It seemed silly to turn something in that's not finished."

While Parks Canada had proposed a new fee structure to come into effect for the TSW in 2014 as a means of increasing revenue, it was scrapped in January due to negative public reaction.

The proposed fees would have increased the cost of passage for the length of the canal from Trenton to Port Severn for a 30-foot vessel from \$140 to more than \$800.

"They haven't really said what they're going to do," Devolin said. "What I have said is first of all, I like the idea that the TSW is putting something out there a year in advance and actually seeking public input."

The MP reiterated that lockage fees, which have been frozen for five years, will remain the same in 2013 as they were in 2012.

There may be some changes to mooring fees and operating hours have been reduced for the upcoming season.

Northland Church open doors at new location

Jerelyn Craden
Special to the *Echo*

When Pastor Bev Hicks first heard the call to start an independent non-denominational church in 2008, he was holding midweek Bible classes at the Lochlin Community Centre.

Today, Northland Faith Church is incorporated with charitable non-profit status, and recently welcomed the community and its loyal congregation of 50 to an open house and book signing at 50 York St., its third and more stationary Haliburton location.

"It's been my lifetime dream," the pastor said. "I love the community, and our new location gives us the space we need for our growing congregation and new programs."

Bible studies and social gatherings are held in The Fellowship Room where Earthways Café was located. Sunday church services are held in the spacious Royalty Room, where Curves, Haliburton used to be.

"We call our sanctuary the Royalty Room because we are all royalty in the eyes of God," Hicks said.

Known to Highlanders as Rev Bev on Word Nuggets, the popular Canoe FM Sunday morning radio show, Hicks shares a nugget of truth from the Bible followed by a song that relates to its message.

His new 144-page self-published book also titled *Word Nuggets* is a compilation of short stories first aired on the show, many with sports themes, which make teachings from the Bible accessible and entertaining.

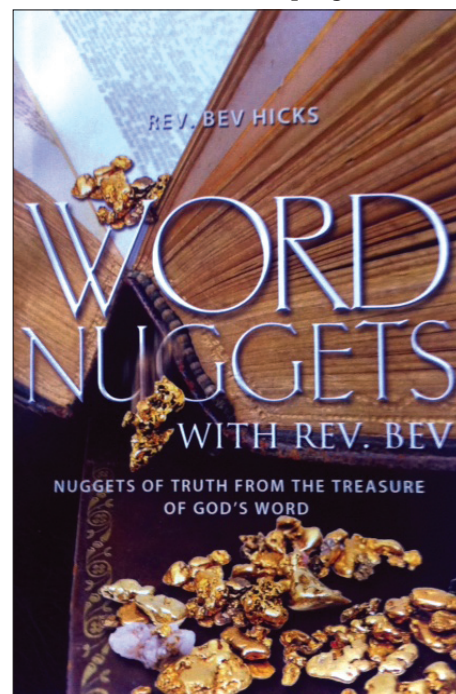
Vibrant conversation filled the Fellow-

ship Room as church helpers and support team, Pat Hicks, Adrian Whitfield, church co-ordinator and treasurer Marie Whitfield welcomed guests.

The pastor shared his excitement about God's Girls, a self-esteem-building program for girls nine to 12 facilitated by his daughter, Rachel Hicks, a certified social worker.

Rev. Bev's mission: "I want people to have hope."

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Word Nuggets is a self-published book by Rev. Bev Hicks based on his Canoe FM program.

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Buying history

DYSART HAS PUT an offer in on the Victoria Street School and the property surrounding it.

If the bid is successful, the town will be better for the purchase.

As we reported back in May, Trillium Lakeshore District School Board put the old building and a large parcel of land up for sale declaring it surplus.

The municipality has offered \$245,000 for the property, which is fair, given how much work will need to go into the building to keep it up.

Owned by the local government, a building the size of the school could be used for a wide array of activities.

Already, several groups have approached Dysart about the space, Community Living being the most obvious fit.

There is also a dearth of large meeting spaces in town that could be accommodated by the building, should it be renovated to create larger rooms.

It is a prime location at the corner of Victoria Street and Pine Avenue with plenty of room to expand.

No matter which direction

improvements to the building could take, the real benefit of having it within municipal – read: public – hands is that the history will be preserved.

There are several examples right in Haliburton of private citizens buying historic buildings and keeping them up.

There are also examples of old buildings falling apart or being torn down, lost forever.

The Victoria Street School, built in 1924, illustrates the growth of

the Haliburton.

While the school (also known as S.S. No. 3 Dysart) was originally built to accommodate a growing village population, it was later deemed too small for the increasing number of students.

As the town grew, bigger schools were built – J.D. Hodgson Elementary School siphoned some students away in the 1970s, then Stuart Baker Elementary School took the elementary students in 1999. S.S. No. 3 then became home to adult education and Youth Unlimited.

What it next becomes will further illustrate the changing nature of our village.



Jenn Watt
Editor



Foggy Harburn

photo by Darren Lum

Down to the rink, to the pond, to the river

MY MOM AND Dad would be so proud of me. I have cold feet, rosy cheeks and a big heart as I sit down to write this article.

I just came in from volunteering in the Lions tent down at Head Lake Park for the pond hockey tournament. My job was to serve food.

From a very young age, my parents always made my sister and I volunteer for community events because they felt it was good for us. And it always has been.

Today I feel so inspired and energized by the whole experience at the hockey tournament. The Lions Club members were really fun and organized to work with. They had great food, and the chili was made by students from our high school. The players loved all of the food and gave us many thanks.

Canoe FM was playing rocking music and people were dancing around (especially the women hockey players) as they got their food and socialized. It always amazes me to participate or volunteer at events where people of like minds/interests gather to do what they are passionate about.

There is always a high energy and fun feeling. It is inspiring. It has been great to be down in the park, or even just driving by the park and watching all of these adults ranging in age from 20 to 60-plus out there



Lynda Shadbolt
Tales from The Great Green Meadow

playing hockey. They love the game and they love the ice (many compliments from the players about the ice and our town) and they are so happy being away with their friends doing something they are passionate about.

There is nothing more Canadian than skating on a rink. Everyone should be doing it! I have a current favourite song that is about playing hockey on a rink, pond or river and it is called

There's a Game Going On, written and performed by Dave Gunning (and David Francey) a singer from Nova Scotia.

Every time I play this song at home, or at yoga class I smile and have such a clear image of the impact that hockey and an outdoor rink has on our lives.

The Haliburton County Folk Society brought Gunning to Haliburton last fall and that is when I learned about him. Gunning is a gifted storyteller. "There are stories that wash over you like a tide, and then there are stories that grab you by the heart. Dave Gunning has made a point of finding the latter and wrapping them up in song," Gunning's website reads. His songs seem to go into the soul. I love that a performing artist is able to put into words, with lovely music the love of being outside on an outdoor rink. All you music and hockey fans can find Dave Gunning online at www.davegunning.com.

See you at the rink!



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It's not easy being a bad boy

“Oh that darn dog!” I muttered.
“Did you say something?” Jenn asked.
“I said, ‘Oh that darn dog,’” I replied. “She just ate one of my socks.”

Suddenly, Jenn looked, all at once horrified and intrigued. Those caught up in superficialities might have assumed that this was due to the fact that I was walking around barefoot on half my feet. But I happen to know that she gave me that look because I was – with the dropping of the D-bomb – inadvertently showing her, once again, that I am the proverbial bad boy.



Steve Galea

Loon Tales

Women, as we all know, love men with bad boy reputations. In fact, scientists have now determined that our edginess, unpredictability and adventurous spirit is a definite draw to the opposite sex.

Needless to say, people often inquire as to how I became such a bad boy.

Sadly, there is no one answer or simple set of instructions. It just happens.

Last week, for instance, in a classic display of pure bad-boyism, I ate a grape without washing it first. And the week before, I drank coffee with only one teaspoon of sugar. It was horrible, but I almost finished it.

I could go on, but I think you get the idea.

We bad boys are just wired a bit differently.

Does this make me irresistible to women?

I don't care.

That's another hallmark of bad boys, by the way.

We don't care.

That's why when Jenn asked me what we should have for dinner on Sunday – fish or chicken – I just threw back my head so my bangs flipped out of my eyes and said, “Either one is fine by me, dollface” Then I apologized for calling her dollface and went back to dusting.

I suspect her heart skipped a beat after that classic display.

I don't know why this edgy, dangerous behaviour is so attractive to women, but it obviously is.

That's why I don't mention fly fishing in mixed company. In my experience, there's nothing that drives women so crazy as fly fishing talk. In fact, just the other day, Jenn said, “All this talk of fly fishing is driving me crazy.”

Let me know if you need further proof.

Not to brag, but being a bad boy is just a part of who I am. I do crazy things that are risky as a matter of course. I once went to a rock concert, for instance – and, get this, deliberately forgot my ear protectors at home.

I also put ketchup on quiche and once considered buying a Harley-Davidson shirt.

It's just one risk after another with me.

The thing is I'm getting older and sooner or later this crazy life-style is going to catch up with me. You can't go on abusing your body like this and not pay for it in the end.

But as I said, being a bad boy is who I am, and have been ever since I was a kid.

Yeah, I've done some things I'm not proud of – like eating quiche, for instance. But in the end, I have gone my own way; danced to the beat of my own drum, so to speak.

Now you'll have to excuse me, I'm about to make myself a sandwich. And you know what? I'm going easy on the butter today.

Relax, ladies. I'm spoken for.



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pic of the past

Gren Schrader was born in Haliburton on Feb. 21, 1930. His father was a CNR Railway man. As a result, he rode trains between Haliburton and Lindsay for free. From 1943 to 1949, they were living in a CNR Company dwelling three miles south of ghost town Gelert. The house had been built by the Victoria Railway in 1878. As a teenager in 1947, he had summer work as a CNR section hand (maintenance-of-way). In November 1947, they had a project in Haliburton Railway yard. Three section crews – “Botting-Haliburton,” “Smith-Gelert” and “Schrader-Lower Dutch Line” south of Gelert. They replaced all the 16 foot long switch ties in Haliburton yard – which was heavy work removing switch stands-switches, etc. Schrader was part of this group. In 1949-50, he trained in telegraphy and railroading at Kinmount and left the area in 1950 – working cities and towns across Ontario. Submitted by Gren Schrader.

letters to the editor

Reminiscing

To the Editor,

Re: “Wigamog debt may lead to sale,” Haliburton Echo, Jan. 22.

This is a sad tale, possibly due to a sagging economy.

We are a family of four, and spent eight summer vacations relaxing at the Wigamog Inn.

We met many families, predominantly from the GTA. Some fond memories!

Our first summer vacation was in 1997, when the Grossman family owned the resort.

I can't remember when they sold it.

Michael Moskovic
Nepean, Ont.

**Email your letter
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A quintessential winter scene

To the Editor,

The pond hockey tournament was truly a quintessential winter scene to behold as you drove into Haliburton Village or past Pinestone last weekend.

Just seeing the ice on Head Lake being used for this tournament gave me goosebumps.

As a volunteer I heard many people express similar sentiments. The players were mannerly, displayed sportsmanship and had a lot of fun. The spectators who came were most impressed such as families and two ladies who came from Peterborough to skate on one of the unused rinks. Congratulations to Neil Lumsden executive Director of the tournament and our local organizers John Teljeur, Alex Bell and Haliburton County council who had the foresight to bring such an amazing event to Haliburton County. Kudos also to The Pinestone, all of the many volunteers, the Lions Club for their great refreshment tent, SIRCH, the Rails End Gallery, Canoe FM, Remax and anyone else involved. A special thanks to the municipality and volunteers for all of their hard work in maintaining the ice to such a high quality.

After all of the hard work to get the rinks in such great shape I do think it only makes sense that at least one will

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letters

Outdoor rink is a great attraction

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be continued to be maintained after Frost Fest, until which time it can no longer be used due to mild weather. An outdoor rink is such an incredible winter drawing card for our entire community, for businesses and for people of all ages to have the opportunity to skate at such a beautiful outdoor location such as Head Lake in Haliburton.

Hopefully the outcome of such a wonderful event is that Haliburton County will become the future home of pond hockey in the years to come.

Bonnie Roe
Volunteer

Wildlife in your backyard

Have a great nature shot? Send it to jenn.watt@sunmedia.ca. The bigger the file size the bigger we can print it.



Glenda Wakely took this photo of a cardinal, a rare winter sighting on Heron Bay, Haliburton Lake on Jan. 25.

Smokers' opinions wanted

Where there's smoke, chances are there's a frustrated tobacco user trying to quit – again. No one knows how hard it is to quit smoking better than a smoker. That's why the Ontario Tobacco Research Unit, in collaboration with the Ontario Lung Association and several partners, is launching a confidential smokers' panel to gather information from current and former smokers that will help develop future tobacco programs and services.

Led by the Ontario Tobacco Research Unit, partners include the Ontario Lung Association, University of Toronto, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Smokers'

Helpline, University of Ottawa Heart Institute, STOP Smoking Treatment for Ontario Patients, Leave the Pack Behind and Algoma Public Health.

"Smoking remains the leading cause of premature and preventable death and disability, yet almost one in five Ontarians continue to smoke," says Dr. Robert Schwartz, executive director, Ontario Tobacco Research Unit and Associate Professor, Dalla Lana School of Public Health. "The smokers' panel will form a platform for a series of research studies to better understand areas such as long-term relapse, the paths to quitting smoking, and programs

to help people quit."

To join the panel, smokers and former smokers are asked to visit smokerspanel.ca or call 1-855-311-2264 for more information. Eligible participants will complete a brief online registration – telephone registration is available for those who do not have access to a computer. Panel members will receive the latest information about quitting smoking as well as invitations to participate in special studies. All registered participants will have a chance to win an iPad.

For help to quit smoking, the Ontario Lung Association resource, *Journey 2 Quit: A Workbook to Help You Quit Smoking* is now available for free in both English and French. Call 1-888-344-LUNG (5864) to begin your journey!



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Column wins library Angus Mowat award

Jenn Watt
Editor

Engaging readers across the Highlands using local newspapers has earned the Haliburton County Public Library provincial attention.

At the Ontario Library Association Super Conference last week, library staff were awarded the Angus Mowat Award of Excellence, beating out much larger libraries for the prize.

"We were competing against Windsor and Waterloo ... in the large library category," HCPL county librarian Bessie Sullivan said.

"It was a total surprise."

Library staff, particularly Sullivan and branch services librarian Catherine Coles, have been putting together the Reads of the Week column (now Reads of the Month) for the *Haliburton Echo* and *Minden Times* since September, 2011.

One component of the column is a "celebrity" reader – a member of the community – who briefly reviews a book he or she has read.

The purpose is to involve newspaper readers with the library's resources while also fostering a sense of community through reading.

Sullivan said one of the reasons Haliburton took the honour this year was because the idea is easily reproduced at other libraries.

"It was clearly transferable to other library systems," Sullivan said.

"No matter how much money [the library] has, you could use it."

Sullivan, Coles and HCPL board chairwoman Nancy McLuskey received the honour at an awards ceremony in Toronto Jan. 31 from Minister of Tourism Culture and Sport, MPP Michael Chan.



Members of the Haliburton County Public Library accept the Angus Mowat Award of Excellence for their Reads of the Week column, which runs in the *Haliburton Echo* and *Minden Times*, at the Ontario Library Association's Super Conference Jan. 31 in Toronto. From left, HCPL county librarian Bessie Sullivan, library board chairwoman Nancy McLuskey, branch services librarian Catherine Coles and Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport Michael Chan./Submitted

Reads of the month



Book of the Month:

Beach Strip by John Lawrence Reynolds

When Josie's detective husband is found dead outside their Hamilton beach front home, his police department colleagues declare his death to be a suicide. All the evidence points in this direction, but Josie is not convinced. Who in their eccentric community is responsible for murdering Gabe? As Josie proceeds with her own investigation, more bodies pile up and the police begin to suspect she is being stalked by a pervert – she knows she is not safe, but who from? With mystery, humour and even a touch of Hamilton's local history, *Beach Strip* is a solid "whodunit" that is sure to keep you guessing. Reserve it today from your branch of the Haliburton County Public Library.

Junior Book of the Month — Young Adult Title:

Getting Over Garrett Delaney by Abby McDonald

Seventeen-year-old Sadie has a problem, she is hopeless and irrecoverably in love with her best friend Garrett Delaney, a boy who is completely oblivious to her affections. From the day that they met, Sadie has been Garrett's closest companion, sharing in his love of Proust,

tragic Russian literature, art films, and '80s indie rock. But when Garrett leaves for literary camp, and falls in love with another girl, Sadie realizes that she has finally had enough. Aided by a barista job and eclectic group of friends, she embarks a 12 step program to get over Garrett once and for all. *Getting Over Garret Delaney* by Abby McDonald is a cute and quirky read, filled with humour and self-discovery.

Local Celebrity Read:

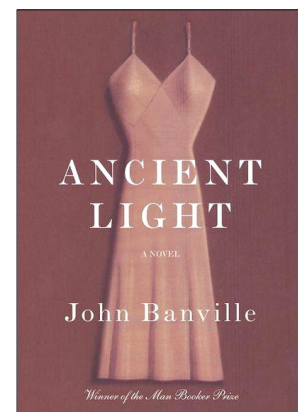


Marie Garland recently finished reading *Ancient Light* by John Banville, a critically acclaimed new novel which follows an actor in the twilight of his career as he reflects upon his first love affair as a teenager with his best friend's mother.

"I'm always interested in reading Man Booker Prize authors," says Garland. "I previously enjoyed Banville's other Booker Prize

title, *The Sea*. This novel has beautifully written prose, is full of imagery and has the ability to take you into the story. It is often humorous but also tragic; a synopsis of life's humour, nostalgia, bitterness and tragedy."

Garland says she would suggest *Ancient Light* to middle aged men and women, "as most of us look back on our lives and at times wonder if events were actually real or partially imagined."



News & Events:

The Ontario Library Association has just announced the shortlist for the 2013 Evergreen Award, Canada's readers' choice literary award. Stop by your branch of the Haliburton County Public Library to request one of more of this year's 10 great titles and stay tuned for information on how to vote on your favourite in October.

Influenza outbreak over at Hyland Crest

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Jan. 31 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board.

An influenza outbreak at the long-term care home in Minden is now over.

Earlier this month, Hyland Crest residents were dealing with a strain of influenza A and the public was discouraged from visiting to help contain the outbreak.

The outbreak raised questions within the board's quality and medical advisory committees about the consequences of all hospital staff not being immunized.

Chief of staff Greg Karaguesian said the medical advisory committee had an extensive discussion about staff immunization, with various opinions on the matter.

"We reviewed our protocol about non-immunized staff

during flu season, [which includes] gloves, gowns and masks. I think it was felt by some members of our committee that this policy wasn't really being followed very closely ... I think that's going to be reviewed by the hospital administration," he said.

HHHS also experienced a surge in its emergency departments in December and January with patients experiencing flu-like symptoms.

That surge has since diminished, said CEO Varouj Eskedjian.

"The department handled it well," he said, adding HHHS experienced a smaller surge than hospitals in the Greater Toronto Area.

New chief of staff appointed

Dr. Greg Karaguesian has been named the new chief of staff at HHHS.

The board voted to rescind the motion from their Dec. 6 meeting appointing Dr. Kristy Gammon to the position.

Karaguesian stepped into the role following a miscommunication between him and Gammon.

The position is effective as of Jan. 31 for the 2013 year.

Board still waiting on approvals

While HHHS was recently approved for new telehealth equipment, the board continues to wait for word on the new palliative care suite.

The delay is the result of a mix-up in communication between the project's architect and the Ministry of Health, said Eskedjian.

The ministry is waiting on a site plan for the project from the architect.

The CEO said the approval process is "back on the rails," as he expects an approval within an April timeline.

The palliative care suite has received formal approval from the Central East Local Health Integration Network but still requires ministry approval.

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Bid on items, invest in community at the Rotary Auction

Jenn Watt
Editor

Bon Jovi tickets, boat cruises, and original art will be up for grabs to successful bidders at the Rotary auction on Feb. 9.

The 27th annual event is a fundraiser for the Haliburton Rotary Club, with a history of bringing in thousands of dollars for local projects.

This year, Rotary is teaming up with Volunteer Dental Outreach on the event.

"Last year we gave them a \$5,000 grant and we hope to be able to give them a similar amount, if not the same," Rotarian Brian Menton said.

The auction has brought in between \$9,000 and \$17,000 at different times, depending on the economy and the auction items available.

This year, the venue changes from the curling club to the Haliburton Legion, which means there are far more tickets available.

All of the money collected goes directly into Rotary projects, Menton said.

"One of the things I want to accentuate is Rotary doesn't keep this money," he said.

Sometimes the money's impact is magnified using Rotary matching grant programs.

Menton gave an example of a \$3,000 sum from Haliburton and Minden Rotary clubs going through various Rotary matching grant programs.

Eventually, with all grants taken into account, the total came to \$24,000, which went to pay for 3,175 cataract surgeries in India.

For the past two years, the club has given to SIRCH Community Services for their Community Kitchen programming. They are also raising money for a new bandshell at Head Lake Park.

"The groundwork is already started. We're looking for a Trillium grant," Menton said of the bandshell project.

Rotary usually divides its money between international

and local projects.

Locally, the club has given to the hospital, college, Food for Kids, Wilberforce skating club, Gooderham community centre, dental outreach, Youth Unlimited and the Gooderham jaws of life among many others.

Menton believes that a strong community needs strong service clubs.

"The service clubs are what keep our community vibrant, healthy and safe," he said.

Tickets for the Rotary auction are \$25 each and include a roast beef dinner and a paddle for bidding in the live auction. There will also be a silent auction, loonie auction and something called a "Dutch auction," though Menton said he's not too sure what that is, yet.

"Every cent you spend comes back. You're investing in the community," he said.

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Call for Choreographer for Dusk Dances 2013 in Haliburton

Dusk Dances Haliburton is seeking a site-specific dance piece created by a choreographer or group from the Haliburton County area for the 2013 program to be performed by local youth. A professional fee will be paid to the choreographer or group for the development, creation and mounting of the performance piece at Head Lake Park in Haliburton, July 18th to July 21st 2013.

Deadline for submissions: February 28, 2013

For a copy of the full applications and terms of reference contact:

Daniela Pagliaro at daniela.p@sympatico.ca

Dusk Dances Haliburton is a project of the Haliburton County Community Co-operative.

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HHHS saves money in phone system purchase

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A new telephone system was purchased for HHHS to replace the current system, which is out of date and no longer eligible for support service.

The system was purchased through procurement done by Ross Memorial Hospital, resulting in a significant savings for HHHS in the neighbourhood of \$60,000 due to the

bulk order.

"This demonstrates integration does have its savings," said Eskedjian.

The new system will connect the Hali-

burton and Minden hospitals through voice over technology and will be installed sometime this year.

Hearing on status of teachers' protest drags on

Shawn Jeffords
QMI Agency

A pivotal hearing on whether the withdrawal of extracurricular activity participation by teachers is an illegal strike will stretch well into this week.

And that has left the school boards who brought the application to the province's labour board tapping their feet impatiently as lawyers continued to squabble Thursday over whether bulletins sent to teachers by Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario staff in the Trillium Lakelands and Upper Canada – in the Cornwall area – district school boards constitutes illegal strike action.

"We had hoped it would go a lot faster," said Upper Canada District School Board chairman Greg Pietersma. "We hoped we'd have it wrapped up today. It's an issue. Parents are making decisions as we speak about where they're going to send their students. We need to start sending messages that our school boards have a very robust extracurricular program."

The boards allege a bulletin sent to teachers orders them not to take part in extracurricular activities. That withdrawal of serv-

ice would constitute an illegal strike, the boards argue.

The hearing started Jan. 25, took place for four days this week and is scheduled to continue Wednesday and Friday. Pietersma said the longer the decision takes, the more advertising they're seeing competing Catholic boards aiming at the public boards' prospective students, he said.

"The [Catholic] boards are out there pushing that in their advertising," he said. "Although we're told by the ministry not to compete, we're competing."

Pietersma said a cease and desist order from the labour board could give teachers who had been staying away from extracurriculars a chance to return to their activities. It's believed that could have broader implications across the province.

But during the hearing Thursday, ETFO lawyer Howard Goldblatt emphasized that extracurriculars are volunteer activities and are not subject to a withdrawal of service in a contract.

For that matter, the bulletin itself did not compel members to do anything other than know their rights, he said.

"This is not a directive," Goldblatt said. "It doesn't stipulate on its face that there are disciplinary consequences attached to it."

2013 Business and Community Award Nominees

The nominees for the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce business achievement awards were announced on Feb. 1.

The categories and nominees are as follows:

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- Haliburton Chiropractic and Massage
- Haliburton Lumber
- Haliburton Public Library
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- Barb Bolin
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- John Teljeur
- Hilary Elia
- Jerry Walker
- Peter Brady

Tourism & Hospitality

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- South Algonquin Diner
- The Creative Cocoon
- Minden Pharmasave
- Haliburton Highland Pharmacy
- Trophy Property

New Business

- Haliburton RPM
- Head Lake Grill
- County Automotive
- The Highlander Newspaper
- Algonquin Painting
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Bilingual singer to entertain Haliburton audience



Jenn Watt
Editor

You don't have to be in French immersion to enjoy French.

It's one of the messages Canadian Parents for French member Nancy Ballantyne wants to get out there and her group is bringing a bilingual performer to Haliburton at the end of the month to prove it.

Moxy Frivous band member Mike Ford will be playing at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton on Feb. 25 in a combined effort between CPF, Trillium Lakelands District School Board and the Haliburton folk society.

Tickets are subsidized and therefore affordable for families – the target audience for the event.

"We want to work to bring a bilingual performer up [every year]," said Ballantyne, who has been part of the organization for eight years.

French music can open kids up to the possibilities that exist in the wider world and show them how useful knowing a second language can be.

"It gives a cultural awareness so kids won't think you'll only use French in school," she said.

"Our aim is to let people know your children don't have to be in French immersion to enjoy French."

Mike Ford is an accomplished solo artist who has five albums to his name.

Bilingual singer Mike Ford will be performing at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton on Feb. 25. The show is being subsidized by Canadian Parents for French and is open to the public. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$10 for families.

“

It gives a cultural awareness so kids won't think you'll only use French in school.

— Nancy Ballantyne

Along with the Feb. 25 performance, he will also be visiting J.D. Hodgson Elementary School and the high school with musical programming tailored specifically to the students' knowledge levels.

Ford "created his own one-hour national CBC Radio Labour Day special (with Age of Persuasion's Mike Tennant), toured as a swing member of The Arrogant Worms, sung at The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Ottawa for The Vigil Project," a press release says.

His music focuses on Canadian history and geography and can be accessed from his website: www.mikeford.ca.

Opening for Ford is Ben Trails, a contemporary folk singer based in Barrie.

You can check out Trails's music at bentrails.bandcamp.com.

Tickets are \$8 for adults or \$10 for a family and can be purchased at Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton, Pharmasave in Minden by emailing CPFtickets@gmail.com or call Michelle Dulong at 705-489-4980.

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Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The province is selling the Frost Centre. At a Jan. 23 county council meeting, councillors received a request from Infrastructure Ontario that the provincial body be exempt from the county's regular severance process as it divides up the Frost Centre property north of Halls Lake. The request was a formality. "They don't have to consent to what you say," county planner Jane Tousaw said. Council acquiesced to the request. The province will be severing a 19-acre parcel containing the centre's buildings,

which it intends to sell. A remaining 21 acres will be ceded to the Ministry of Natural Resources and merged with surrounding Crown land. The office for Algonquin Highlands's water trails is located on the corner of the property off Highway 35. "The government is not putting a for-sale sign on the Frost Centre," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve and County Warden Carol Moffatt. "Algonquin Highlands has expressed an interest and is asking some more questions." Moffatt said that's all she was prepared to say for the time being, later clarifying the township will not be buying the centre. The Frost Centre operated as an MNR facility for many years and was closed by the province in 2004. From 2007 to 2010, it operated as the Frost Centre Institute, a private environmental college. It has sat vacant since.

Possible changes to MNR permit process for shoreline activities

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Shoreline-altering activities that once required a permit from the Ministry of Natural Resources may soon not. The changes would be part of ongoing, sweeping cuts at the MNR. The activities that would no longer require a permit are dredging where it has taken place within five years; relocating rocks or boulders for swimming access; repairing or replacing existing erosion control structures; minor maintenance to trails; water crossings or roads; mechanical removal of aquatic vegetation for swimming or boating; and mechanically removing invasive vegetation. The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations sent out an email to its more than 50 member organizations, urging members to get in contact with members of government, premier leadership candidates and MPP Laurie Scott. "While most people can be trusted to behave in a responsible manner many

do not understand the relations between their shoreline actions, aquatic health and water quality," CHA president Paul MacInnes wrote in the email. "The current prior-approval process provides an important opportunity for MNR to increase ecological literacy levels. However, a small but significant minority just won't care and will do as they please without due regard for their impact on the environment and their neighbours. These are the ones constrained by the current rules." In the past, conducting these activities without permissions had meant having to return the shoreline to its natural state. The CHA is particularly concerned about the increased ability to dredge and shoreline reparation. "We're not opposed to it," said Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP and PC MNR critic Laurie Scott said of the changes. "There has to be streamlining" Scott said the changes identified were considered "low impact" by the ministry. The deadline for public feedback was Jan. 21.

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Campaign reminds snowmobilers to keep nature beautiful

Through the new Snowmobile Responsibly campaign introduced by the Canadian Council of Snowmobile Organizations, the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs encourages everyone to take personal responsibility for his or her decisions and actions on the snow this winter.

Every day, riders make many important, snowmobile-related decisions that can impact their personal well being, that of others and of the natural setting in which they ride.

Snowmobile Responsibly should be based on obeying applicable laws and rules, using good common sense, riding with care and control, and making smart choices to keep nature beautiful.

Here are a few tips to help riders snowmobile responsibly and continue to demonstrate that snowmobilers love the environment too:

Respect Sensitive Areas - There are lots of other places to ride, so avoid areas marked as environmentally sensitive or protected.

Stay On The Trail - Wherever possible, reduce your environmental impact by riding and staying on organized trails.

Leave Tracks, Not Trash - If you had space to bring it in, then respect nature by carrying it out with you.

Protect Wildlife - Animals are more vulnerable in winter, so keep your distance and leave them alone.

Embrace New Technologies - Mother Nature appreciates new advanced technology snowmobiles that run even more efficiently and effectively, use less fuel and oil, and operate with virtually no smoke or smell.

Maintain Your Sled - A well-tuned snowmobile is more environmentally friendly and reliable.

Leave It Stock - Refrain from installing after market pipes that increase noise and annoy others.

Spread the Word - Snowmobiling is a good news story because snowmobiles have improved continuously thanks to oil injection, sound reduction measures, variable height exhaust valves, direct injection, on-board computers, and new two-stroke and four-stroke engine technologies that



There are many tips snowmobilers should keep in mind when enjoying the outdoors. Responsibility lies within the rider to make smart decisions when out on the trails. /File photo

comply with new EPA requirements.

Keeping nature beautiful during each and every ride depends primarily on the personal decisions and actions of each rider, so choose to snowmobile responsibly this winter.

With \$1 from every snowmobile trail permit sale allocated to environmental projects, the OFSC is committed to proactive leadership and support to conserve, protect and

appreciate the environment through a responsible, long-term sustainable approach by working with stakeholders for effective environmental planning, education, programs and projects that enhance snowmobiling, snowmobile trails and the overall outdoor health and enjoyment of Ontarians.

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Sports

Volunteers the backbone of pond hockey championship

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

They say it takes a village to raise a child. This applies to events too such as the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championship, which required an entire county.

John Teljeur, who led the local charge to bring the championships to the Highlands the past two weekends, said none of this would be possible without the volunteers.

"They all should be proud of the fact they stepped up for their community. They put their time on hold and stepped up and did something for other people. The importance for us doing these two [weekends] well and hosting these players coming from all regions of Canada is absolutely huge. It now gives us an opportunity to have this thing annually here in our community. We know the kind of spin off comes with that. They helped this community just by showing up. This community should not miss the opportunity to thank them too."

On game days, many volunteers were easy to spot with their red Molson Canadian hockey jerseys.

The event's volunteer co-ordinator, Rosemary Blight, said there were close to 77 volunteers, including "walk-ins."

"It's been a moving target to get the names of everyone involved but it's been a lot of fun and very enjoyable to see a county all pull together for a great time. It gives you a great sense of pride for sure," she said.

However, there were many more volunteers who were not so easy to spot – some helping in the concession tents, others out on the ice days before the first puck was dropped.

At the food and beer tent, the Haliburton and District Lions Club was busy serving hot-dogs and beer. Lions president Jim Frost said this was a great opportunity to raise their profile and have fun.

"It's an opportunity for us to fundraise. Because we have so much demand on the



Darren Lum Staff

Volunteer Chris Lynd, who recruited Arts Council Haliburton Highlands members to volunteer, answers Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships participants' questions at Head Lake in Haliburton on Friday, Feb. 1.

club throughout the year for funding for various events that we support we felt it was important to get involved with this so we could raise some money for the public. All the funds we raise go back into the community," he said.

His club ran the food and beer tent at Head Lake.

They approached the pond hockey organizers when they learned Haliburton would host the event.

On Fridays, the tent's service started close to 10 a.m. and then again an hour before the first games on the subsequent days and

didn't end until after the games at Head Lake close to 7 p.m.

SIRCH and Heritage Ballet volunteers helped, and will share in the proceeds made at the tent. Close to 38 people were included in rotating shifts, including Melissa Stephens who helped warm chili and muffins.

This past Sunday with the finals, the Wilberforce Legion branch helped the Lions at Head Lake after they worked the tent at the Pinestone.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey was spotted on Head Lake giving direction and flooding the ice. His neighbouring counterpart and

fellow volunteer, Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton, said the event helps the county.

"It's good exposure for Haliburton and the Highlands. I just thoroughly enjoyed it," he said, adding he was out in the days leading up to the first weekend.

Burton adds it was tough work under frigid temperatures and, as much as he values the event added to the calendar, he will be happy to see it end.

He helped with flooding the rinks with the Highlands East Fire Department, which had seven members work over four days, along

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The players and spectators of the Redstone Lake Pond Hockey Invitational gather on Piccadilly Bay on Sunday, Jan. 27. It raised more than \$4,000 for Memory Makers to memorialize Dominic 'Don' De Maio, who died early this year. - submitted

Redstone hockey tournament raises funds for Alzheimer's disease

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Illness took him from his wife and family, but love will bring him back to the Highlands.

Dominic De Maio, 74, died in his Fort Myers home surrounded by family on Saturday, Jan. 5. He was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease five years ago.

Known by everybody as Don, his wife Jean said he was a great person and father, who was quick to smile and had a love of hockey

like a "typical Canadian."

Up until two years ago, Don and Jean lived on Piccadilly Bay, Redstone Lake in Haliburton. For close to 17 years it was their retirement home.

Don, who had a career in business administration with Westinghouse Canada, made friends easily and in Haliburton he served as a vice-chairman on the board of directors for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

The affable man with the "big smile" and a "sunny disposition" loved Haliburton, enjoying hikes with his wife in the Highlands.

"He was a city boy. He was born in the city, but he had this idea for retirement that we should move out to the country and we looked many, many years before we settled on Haliburton," she said. "The beauty of Redstone. It's an incredibly beautiful lake ... this is where our family gathers and they all come home ... It was everything to us. Can I say that? Not everything because family is everything."

The move to Florida was for health reasons, she said.

Jean, who was married to Don for 51 years, still cannot believe he's gone.

Five children, three sons and two daughters, 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild survive Don. The last time the entire family was together, except for the recent Florida funeral, was at the Rhubarb restaurant in Eagle Lake in 2011.

It was fitting to have the fifth annual Redstone Lake Pond Hockey Invitational on the Jan. 26 to 27 weekend memorialize Don, who was a minor hockey coach and perennial chauffer to his three hockey playing sons.

The invitational tournament raised \$4,045

for the Memory Makers for Alzheimer's, The Alzheimer Society Research Program.

"I was honoured and gratified that they would think of that. It meant a lot to our whole family," Jean said.

Jean values the Memory Makers because of the help it gives caregivers and patients.

"If people do keep their loved ones at home it is a real struggle. Care giving is a difficult road for some people," she said.

With close to 25 players at the invitational, the event far exceeded the initial \$3,000 goal. The annual event has been a tradition among the De Maio family, who hosted it from the start at the Redstone home on Piccadilly Bay on Redstone Lake. Make donations by going to www.memorymakersforalzheimers.ca, click on "find an event" and type in "redstone" to find their listing. Their son Pete said the plan is to raise money in Don's name next year.

Jean promises to return to the Redstone Lake home this summer with her husband's ashes. She plans to have a celebration for Don at the end of June in the Highlands.

Despite the recent passing, Jean remembers the positive.

"We've been so blessed ... it's really hard to lose somebody that you've been with for so long. I just have to look at the positive side of it. We were able to do what we wanted to do. We travelled a lot and we raised our kids and he helped out in the community. I was there by his side. He is a good man," she said.

Donations can be made in Don's memory to the Alzheimer's Society of Canada www.alzheimer.ca/en/DonateNow or to Haliburton Highlands Health Services or www.hhhs.ca/Pages/FoundationHowtoDonate.aspx.



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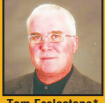
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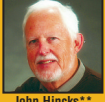
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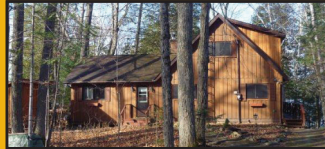
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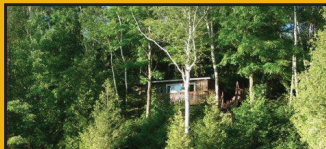
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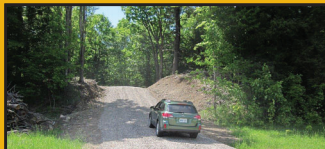
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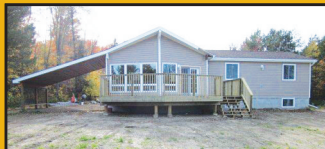
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Otters overwhelm Novice Storm

This Saturday the Highland Storm Novices headed to Huntsville for their third playoff game.

The team knew they had to win this game or else they were out. The Huntsville Otters were a force to be reckoned with and couldn't be held back, they got on the board quickly and kept it up through the game, the Storm had a lone goal scored by Hunter Winder, assisted by Emily Alexander and Matthew Vargas.

Submitted by Trish Shippen

Come cheer on the Atom As

The Highland Storm Peppermill Atom A team travelled to Parry Sound on Saturday, Feb. 2 for game three of the first round of playoffs.

The boys came out strong but the Parry Sound Shamrocks put the first goal on the board. Determined to get a point, our boys made some beautiful shots on net but none would go in until defenceman Isaac Little rushed past their defence to put one "top shelf" and Storm into the game (unassisted).

The Shamrocks quickly answered with a second goal in their favour. Not to be outdone, our boys fought to keep the puck in the opposition's end. Centre Zach Morissette fought hard and zipped one past their goalie (unassisted) to tie things up again before the end of the second period. Both teams left the ice for a much-needed intermission.

After the break both teams came out determined to end the game in the lead. Parry Sound was first to show that determination by tying up our defencemen and putting one past Keefer in net.

The Storm continued to apply pressure and shoot on net, Joe Boice (unassisted) drove one home to tie the game once again with just minutes remaining. The game continued back and forth until defenceman Ryan Hall (unassisted) took control of the puck and dangled around all of the Parry Sound players to put a beauty in the top corner and win the game!

Great game played by all. Undeclared so far in the playoffs the boys only need one more point to advance to the next level! Come out and cheer them on, next game is Saturday at 4:30 p.m. in Minden.

Go Storm Go!

Submitted by Jennifer Little

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Pond hockey players treated like rock stars

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with the Dysart Fire Department.

Teljeur said the "lion's share" of the playing area maintenance is owed to the Haliburton All-Terrain-Vehicle Association.

ATV president Steven Skidmore said several members came through the week before the event.

George Stewart and his wife, Lynn, with Barry Lord, Linda Kent, Joe Schlist and Eric Christensen did the majority of the work. Sometimes even getting up at 4 a.m. and working up to eight hours a day. Christine Ramsey also put in a few days.

"They're the heart and soul behind it," Skidmore said, adding the short notice didn't allow for mobilization of the 800-member club.

Skidmore knows next year he'll be able to get more help with more time. He said local retailers Recreation, Powersports, Marine (RPM) Haliburton and Harper Power Sports and Marine donated five they used.

"They really stepped up," he said.

Both merchants were approached and agreed to loaning out the vehicles since the first week of January. Each allowed regular use of a vehicle since the start of January, including use of additional vehicles when needed.

None of this could have been possible without snow clearing by Dave Elstone and Hawk River Construction owner Larry Hewitt, who had three employees and four trucks with plows on the ice.

"Every little thing like that makes a community stronger. So, whether it's snowmobiling or whether it's cross-country skiing or whatever. It all brings people here and makes the area stronger," Hewitt said. "If they need help I'll be there."

Elstone, who owns his own septic company and clears snow in the winter, downplayed his effort.

"I think I'm a pretty small piece of the puzzle here. There are a lot of people who did a lot of volunteer work and put it together," he said.

Teljeur likened them to "white knights riding into the fight."

"We were beside ourselves trying to get rid of the slush. It was too heavy for the ATVs. And we had a narrow window to get rid of it because we were expecting cold temperatures right behind that. That could have killed it right there. Them jumping in at that moment made all the difference in the world," he said.

Teljeur emphasizes the event belongs to the entire Highlands, which is why volunteers came from all over the



Darren Lum Staff

The beer and food tent at the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships on Head Lake was busy with activity from food on the grill and beer on ice to players sharing stories from the day on Friday, Feb. 1. This tent and the entire two-weekend event (also at Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre) was possible because of volunteers.

county.

"We wanted to make this a Haliburton Highlands event not a Haliburton or a Minden or anybody else event. This is a community of Haliburton Highlands," he said.

Arts Council - Haliburton County, Kashaga Paint Design and the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association also volunteered.

Although nothing is guaranteed, as the event's success depends upon the players, all indications point to a repeat

performance.

"We basically had to showcase ourselves over the last two weeks to the players to prove we are the hosts of this event going forward," he said.

The players felt like "rock stars," Teljeur said, because of the media coverage and the treatment by accommodators and retailers.

"Because there was so much attention being paid to them that they just couldn't believe it," he said.

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Former Chicago Black Hawks player Bill "Red" Hay laughs after sharing an anecdote about his playing days at the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament cocktail gala at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden on Friday, Feb. 1.

Hockey with a cause



Darren Lum Staff

Scotty Morrison, left, a former National Hockey League referee and chairman of the Hockey Hall of Fame, addresses the audience with former Black Hawks player Bill "Red" Hay and Stanley Cup minder Phil Pritchard at the gala cocktail for the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on Friday, Feb. 1. Hay and Pritchard shared stories of their experiences. This tournament raises money for Community Care Haliburton County.

Team photos from top to bottom, 35 and over championship: The Moose Knuckles defeated the Peter North Stars 3-1 in a game that went right down to the wire. Corbie Kent scored an empty netter with 20 seconds to go to seal the deal for the Moose Knuckles at the Scotty Morrison Tournament in Minden on Feb. 2 and 3.



Open championship: The Bone Thugs were the dominant team in the open division throughout the tournament and earned the open championship with a solid 5-2 win over the Dump Bears.

50 and over championship: The Grimsby Guzzlers, a new team this year, edged out the Haliburton Wild in another exciting game, winning 2-0, and came away with zero goals against record versus all opponents. Submitted by Walter Tose



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Curling club to welcome province's best

➤ Gore Provincial Championships come to Haliburton Feb. 14 to 16

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The Haliburton Curling Club is rolling out the red carpet for 16 high school teams from all over the province vying to win the Gore Provincial Championships.

From Feb. 14 to 16, there will be 16 high school teams (eight boys and eight girls) competing for the Gore Trophy and the Gore Crystal at the Haliburton Curling Club in Haliburton.

Club president Rick Ashall is excited for this opportunity to not only host, but also give the public a chance to see the best young curlers in Ontario, who may go on to Canadian curling championships.

"When you look at many of the curlers today who curl at the Brier [men's curling championship] or the Scotties [Tournament of Hearts - women's curling championships] they too were like these curlers. They all started with coaching, prac-

tice, competitions like this, and a passion for the sport," he said in an email. "Not all will continue, but there will be some who will. The club and the community have the opportunity to see these curlers compete live locally."

This event is moved around the province every year and is often hosted by larger centres such as London, Toronto and Ottawa. This didn't stop the club from accepting the challenge.

"The Haliburton club thought hard about accepting because there is an incredible amount of effort, logistics, volunteers and money required to make the event a success. However, after we did our homework, we accepted hosting the event," he said.

All four-member teams are locally billeted and transported to and from the curling club.

A banquet for close to 180 people still needs to be organized. There are numerous details still left such as location, menu, how to pay for meals, a keynote speaker and the volunteers needed to carry it off.

Ashall said the club is approaching local businesses for help with team costs. A raffle is being held to assist with expenses.

He said there will be economic gains available, as family, friends, coaches, officials will all stay in the area. He describes it as a "shot in the arm for local businesses."

A pleasant stay by these parties could translate to return visits, he said.

The club, Ashall said, has hosted the TimBits Elementary School Championships twice, the Ontario +55 Winter Games, and several major bonspiels.

The Gore Provincial Championships is the oldest curling competition for high school athletes. The Gore Mutual Insurance Company has been the major sponsor of the event since inception in 1948. In 1998, female curling teams were added as part of the Ontario School Girl Curling Championship.

The run to the provincials for teams starts with the zones, then regional competitions and then the provincials.

Contact the club for more information at 705-457-2830.

Note: The Red Hawks girls' curling team of Laura Pottier, skip, Emily Shapiera, lead, Holly Broderick, vice, and Alyssa Denyer, second will play in the Haliburton hosted provincials after winning the b-final at the regionals in Peterborough this past weekend. They are coached by

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— Rick Ashall

Scotty Boyd and Michele Shapiera.

Last year, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Red Hawks girls' curling team advanced to the regionals. In 2011, the Red Hawks boys' curling team finished third in the province, winning regionals and zones on the way. The best finish for HHSS was in 2009 when the boys' squad of Connor Duhaime, Curtis Nichol, Jesse Walker and Owen Duhaime won the provincial title at the High Park Curling Club.

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The history of the Gooderham Community Centre

Elva Bates
Special to the *Echo*

In the 1970s the Ministry of Recreation was established to encourage and assist municipalities to provide recreation facilities and programs in their communities.

Funding was available through the Communities Centres Act, and those were the days of "Wintario," which put a lot of money into Ontario communities for recreation facilities. Also the Municipal Act and the Planning Act stipulated that all monies from the sale of road allowances had to be used for recreation purposes.

The township's recreation committee felt that the community needed a community centre and made a recommendation to council that one be considered.

Council was generally in agreement but wanted to find out the residents' thoughts, so a student was hired for the summer to do a survey to see what level of interest there would be for such a project. While not everyone saw a need, the majority did, so council decided to proceed with plans for a community centre.

Consultation with the Ministry of Recreation was entered into and the municipality was encouraged to proceed. The first requirement was a hydrogeological study to determine the location of such a building because of the flood plain of the Irondale River.

The only location that the ministry would support is where the building now stands which is approximately where the Agricultural Building that was destroyed by the 1947 tornado had been.

Next step was to determine approximate cost and to show the ministry that the municipality could raise its share. To do this council, through the proper tendering process had to choose a consultant. The Greer Galloway Group from Peterborough was chosen and ministry approval was given.

The funding formula was: 25 per cent through the Community Centres Act; 50 per cent of the balance through Wintario, e.g. for each \$100,000 of a project the CCA would provide \$25,000, Wintario would provide \$37,500 and the municipality was responsible for the remaining \$37,500.

The municipality had substantial reserves from the sale of road allowances, which covered a good portion of its share of the funding.

The solar heating concept was getting a lot of attention in the 1970s so it was one of the ministry's criteria that a passive solar heating system be incorporated even though such a system had not been proven to be workable in this area. This also meant extra costs for the design of the proposed building and it accounts for the unconventional exterior design.

Council's criteria was quite simple: a building of suitable size with a room that could be used for dances (floor consideration) and for sports (height consideration) a kitchen and dining room, built at a cost that was affordable.

Greer Galloway completed the first draft of the blueprints and the ministry approved the concept.

Applications for funding were made through the Community Centres Act and Wintario and were approved. Then ministry criteria for funding changed and the municipality was told that it had to do a feasibility study. Again a consultant had to be chosen, subject to ministry approval and that work began.

However, the consultant did not finish the study in an appropriate time, so Wintario said, "You didn't start your project when you should have so the funding is cancelled."

The community was not prepared to accept that decision. John Eakins, our MPP, was consulted and he advised that a brief be prepared and submitted to Wintario followed with by a delegation to meet with key Wintario personnel.

Council followed this advice and with Mr. Eakins's assistance, members of council, staff and the community met with Wintario personnel in Toronto. Staff's presentation impressed the Wintario people and shortly thereafter word

was received that the funding had been reinstated.

The feasibility study was finally finished; final drawings were completed and approved by the ministry; the necessary tendering process took place and John Beachli from Haliburton was the only bidder who was able to satisfy the bid bond requirements.

After a prolonged struggle, the official sod turning took place on Feb. 14, 1981 with Reeve Ken Maguire doing the honours.

The following September, the community centre was officially opened; present were MPP John Eakins, Reeve Ken Maguire and other dignitaries.

In 1994, Chuck Viner and Tom Vos, members of the Gooderham Senior Citizens Club (which I chaired) made a proposal to council (Beverley MacDuff was Reeve) to add the present kitchen to the building.

Again, funds from the sale of road allowances were available to provide a good portion of the cost. Dawson MacDuff was the contractor.

During my first term as reeve, and at the suggestion of Tom Vos, the poured vinyl floor was installed; we also replaced the folding doors and installed wainscoting to protect the walls from damage due to sports.

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Highlands Male Chorus warms up winter

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

It all began with *Unchained Melody*.

Almost 10 years ago, Bob Thompson had an idea to start a male chorus in Haliburton County because of a song he loved.

"Bob heard the Messiah Chorus do *Unchained Melody* and he thought that would be great for a male chorus," said chorus member Barry Wilhelm.

His vision has been a reality for the past decade.

The Highlands Male Chorus is preparing for its Win-

ter Encore to be performed on Feb. 10 at the Haliburton United Church.

Under the direction of Melissa Stephens, the chorus has been in existence since June of 2004, when *Unchained Melody* was included in the repertoire.

The chorus is now more than 20 members strong.

Apart from a love of singing, the choir members also have a passion for the community, with previous concert proceeds benefiting local food banks and the Haliburton Music Festival, said Wilhelm.

A former barbershop singer for more than 20 years, Wilhelm joined the chorus in 2006 after moving to the area.

"When I moved up here I thought where am I going to go to sing? ... As soon as I found out about the choruses I was there," said Wilhelm.

The upcoming show will include songs such as *The Stars are with the Voyageur* and *Pilgrims Chorus*, as well as some things that might be new for audience members.

Winter Encore will be performed on Feb. 10 at the Haliburton United Church. The concert begins at 3 p.m.

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Red Hawk girls' win championships

The Red Hawks girls' curling team had reason to smile after advancing to the Gore Provincial Championships with a B-final win this past weekend at the Gore Regional competition for high school aged competitors. Assistant coach, Michele Shapiera, left, Alyssa Denyer, second, Emily Shapiera, lead, Laura Pottier, skip, Holly Broderick, vice and community coach Scotty Boyd.

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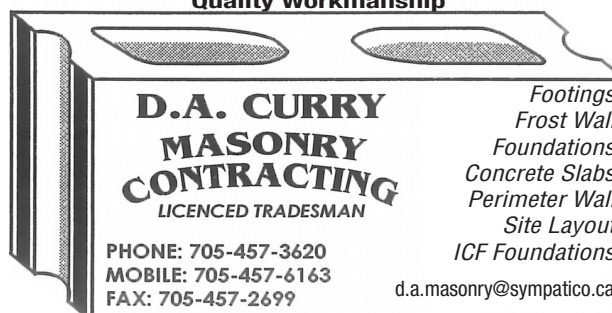
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Auntie Fe (as I used to call her) was

Why, in just one week, Valentine's Day will be here and boy do I have a mushy story to tell you.

It all began just before the end of the

just 23 years old, still wearing pigtails and saddle shoes, pushing a baby buggy and doing all of her young motherly duties while Manny, her young husband, was sick in an army hospital in Texas.

You see, Auntie Fe and Manford Marigold McAlister immigrated to Lake Whaddyathinklmean after the war where they lived the rest of their lives as Canucks.

But at the time Manny was a married man and papa at 25 and still head over heels in love with his young wife, Fe. Why he was missing her and his kidney beans so much, it gave him migraines. The kind that came so often and so hard the army put him in the hospital.

So, for most of his time in Uncle Sam's army, young Manny was tested and prodded, prodded and tested in an attempt to discover the cause of his incapacitating pain. After all, didn't every young man want to fight for his country?

But poor Manny didn't have a choice.

His heart ran him like an over-zealous drill sergeant causing head-splitting migraines from just being away from Fe and the kids. Writing love letters was more than therapy for this love-sick puppy. It was a matter of wife and breath.

So there I was, last Thursday, sitting beside Tippy, who is now 75 years young, brushing apple crumble from my mouth when the subject of Valentine's Day came up.

That's when it happened.

Why if Tippy didn't jump up, make a bee-line to the next room and come straight back holding a beautiful old tapestry covered hat box that she plunked straight down on the table in front of me.

"Open it," she said.

"Huh?"

"Open it." She stood guard 'til I obeyed.

I untied the green satin ribbon and opened the box, 100 letters high.

I picked one up. The letterhead read: United States Army. It was hand-written by Uncle Manny. "Darling, have you any idea how much I love you? Do you realize how much you mean to me? It is dangerous for one person to love another so much, but I can't help it. I am really helpless. But it is the most beautiful sensation. Just thinking of you and our children...if my thoughts could be painted

on canvas, it would be a masterpiece."

Oh my! I looked through more letters filled with love and longing and words like forever, endless, swell, gosh, dandy and dog-gone-it.

Here's a poem I found that I just had to share.

I go to sleep in a G.I. bed
On a G.I. pillow I rest my head
My blankets are G.I. too
Then G.I. dream a dream of you
A G.I. bugler wakes me up
I drink G.I. coffee in a cup
The powdered eggs are G.I. too
But G.I. wish I were with you
At night G.I. prayers I say
To win our G.I. peace someday
And when this G.I. war is through
I hope this G.I. returns to you
Now G.I. stands for government issue
But darling G.I. sure miss you
And G.I. hope you miss me too
And G.I. love you, G.I. do

The lump in my throat felt bigger than a sugar cube. I thought: Auntie Fe and Uncle Manny are now together forever in their cozy love nest in the sky. At least that's how I'll always think of them ... especially on Valentine's Day, don'tcha know.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. Maybelle's Cure for What Ails You, 21 of Maybelle's best short stories is now available at www.amazon.com.

Notices



Municipality of Dysart et al

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NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

- **DATE:** Monday, March 4th, 2013
- **TIME:** 5:00 pm
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers at the Municipal Office, 135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

1. Lands of Highland Estate Development:
 - Purpose and Effect: the proposed by-law will change the zone on the subject lands to permit rural residential use of the property.
 - Zone change from "RU1" to "RR-10"
 - This application is a condition of applications for consent H-036/12 and H-037/12
 - Location: Part Lot 16, Concession 2, Township of Guilford (County Road 14)

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Municipality of Dysart et al to the Ontario Municipal Board.

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FURTHER INFORMATION including the draft by-law is available from the Planning Department at the Municipality Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 5th day of February, 2013.

Patricia Martin, B.E.S., MCIP, RPP
Director of Planning and Development

Hats off to all volunteers at 4Cs

West Guilford

Eleanor Cooper 754-2278

For over 25 years, Rose Barry assisted by Betty Smith, her sister, has been a volunteer at 4Cs.

Every week for at least three days, Rose is in the building, sorting clothing, organizing the food supplies, making sure it gets delivered to the 4Cs, and seeing to special needs of people who might require short-term assistance at the pharmacy, or for transportation, or various medical appointments.

Rose comments on the local residents' generosity, evident not only at Christmas

but throughout the year, making the funds for the needs to be met in appropriate fashion.

Some of the 50 to 60 volunteers are Don Wood, Leslie and Valerie Chumbley, Elaine Nunn, Mary Simms and Janet (Sisson) Bain.

Donations of money and the sale of clothing, china, jewelry, etc., are what keeps the 4Cs solvent.

It's obvious that Rose loves the job, seeing the happiness it brings and having the satisfaction of seeing needs met.

Hats off to her and all who work there. Always more volunteers are needed from 4 to 6 p.m. to man the shop every day.

Jan. 29 euchre scores: High - Kay Morrison and Ed Munzel. Low - Tina Hadley and Bill Geddes. Most lone hands - Norma Geddes and Gerald Hadley. Specials - Robert McIvor and Bill Geddes.

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Dealing with the loss of the penny

Wilberforce

Hilda Clark

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If variety is the spice of life then our weather again this past week was very spicy indeed. From a deep freeze to freezing rain. Mild high winds and pouring rain. Snow almost disappearing overnight. A sudden return to winter.

Varied? Yes.

Spicy hot? Definitely not.

Surely must have confused Wiarton Willie and all his fellow groundhogs.

And if the weather hasn't been confusing enough, now we have to deal with the death of the one cent coin or as we call it the "penny." As of Monday, Feb. 4 under the Harper government's direction banks will stop issuing that basic coin to customers. Are consumers ready? Are merchants prepared? How easily will the rounding up or down to nearest five cents be accepted for those using cash?

Is this a push to end the using of cash?

Will it not be more costly for businesses?

Are there not other ways to save money and leave us

see ARTS page 30

Coming Events

The Haliburton County Folk Society
Presents 2012 CFMA Group of the Year

The Once



Guests: Phil McMahon and Friends

Thursday February 7 7:30pm
Minden United Church, Minden

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www.haliburtonfolk.com

Haliburton County Fair
Sponsored by Minden Agricultural Society
Annual Dinner/General Meeting
Saturday, February 9, 2013
Minden Community Centre



\$20.00 per person

Social Time - 5.00 pm

Dinner - 6:00 pm

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Wendy Connelly

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705-286-6155

community calendar

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Table Tennis in Minden Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 3 pm. the upper level of the Minden Community Centre. The cost in Minden is \$3.00 per day. In Haliburton we play Monday nights from 6 to 9 pm. on the lower level of St. George's Anglican Church, 617 Mountain Street. The cost is \$5.00 per night plus \$15 half-yearly to cover the insurance cost for the church. Dates: From January 2nd to June 26th. Contact: Vasha Rehacek @ 705-754-3834

Feb 7: The Once – In Concert: beginning at 7:30pm located at the Minden United Church, Minden. Tickets: \$25 and \$20 for students and Folk Society members and available at The Photoshops in Haliburton, Organic Times in Minden or for more information at www.haliburtonfolk.com or 705-754-3655

Feb 9th: The Tall Pines Snowmobile Club and the Lions Camp Dorset Dialysis facility are once again holding their annual poker rally. The even is held at Lions Camp Dorset on County Rd 8 just outside Dorset, The event is to raise funds for the camp dialysis facility as well as the Tall Pines Snowmobile Club.

Feb 13: The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild is meeting at the Stanhope Community Centre at 9:30 am for a Fantastic Folded Flower Workshop and at 1 pm for members' presentations of 3 useful techniques. For more information – call Pat Stiver 489-3751

Feb16: Haliburton & District Lions Club Polar Bear Challenge. An event at the Haliburton Frost Festival ~ All proceeds to the Sick Kids Eye Project ~ Registration at 12:30 pm/ Event starts at

1:00 pm. Pledge forms available at Cranberry Cottage, Haliburton Foodland, West Guildford Shopping Centre. Prizes award to the top individual pledge dollars and top team pledge dollars. For my information, contact Lion Jim Frost at 705 457-4031 or visit our web site at: www.e-clubhouse.org/site/haliburtonon/index.php

Feb 16: Haliburton Forest Annual Poker Run. Registration at Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Base Camp. This popular fundraising event is now in its 24th year and has raised more than \$150,000.00 for local charities. All proceeds will go to the Haliburton Volunteer Fire Department for all their selfless efforts. Admission is \$50.00 plus HST per participant. Please call Haliburton Forest and Wild Life for more details 1-705-754-2198.

Feb 16: Haliburton Frost Festival: February 16 located at Head Lake Park. Dress for Haliburton's winter weather and chill with your community at the Family Day Weekend Annual Event held in the beautiful Village of Haliburton

Feb 17/18: Minden Hills Family Winterfest located at the Community Centre and Curling Club. Sunday – Curling starts at 9, Hockey in the afternoon and Chilli Contest. Monday – Pancake Breakfast, Games, Kinark Outdoor games, Snow Pitch, Broomball for more information call Cammy George 286-1936

Help to preserve our History with a Veteran's war museum Wanted: British, Canadian or German WWI and WWII items. Uniforms, helmets and caps and medals, photographs, shells and weapons. Please do not donate money. Items broken or in part are welcome.

Contact Martin Hofland at 705-457-2382

Arts council to hold brainstorming session

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with our lowly penny? Makes "cents" to me.

There's a very pretty quilt on the frames at our historic Outpost.

Heritage Guild members and friends are completing the work on this coverlet that will be raffled as a fundraiser for an ongoing project at the museum.

Municipality Day on Feb. 1 brought many municipal leaders from across the county together for a meeting at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre in Wilberforce.

The Haliburton Highlands Arts Council, which formed 10 years ago, has accomplished much on behalf of the arts in our Highlands. Much of this has been through volunteer efforts. To connect with members and other interested people several brainstorming potluck suppers are taking place throughout the county.

On Wednesday, Feb. 6 one of these sessions will take place in Wilberforce at the House In The Village B&B between 5:30 and 7:30. For information call 705-457-8033 or email haliburtonarts@haliburton.on.ca.

On Feb. 8 and 9, women will be competing at the Wilberforce curling club for the Don Fevreau trophy.

Always a fun bonspiel for the women.

A private family gathering has been held in remembrance of Wilberforce resident Kenneth Young. Mr. Young died peacefully on Wednesday, Jan. 30. He was in his 93rd year. Ken worked for General Motors for many years.

In retirement years in this area Ken's skill and interest in carpentry was well known. They were members of the Wilberforce United Church.

Sympathy is extended to his companion Barbara Fudger, daughter Marion (Steve), son Kenneth Jr. (Shirley) and all of the family.

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The successful applicant will have: Superior spoken and written communication skills; experience in event planning and management, financial management and budgeting and grant writing; strong social media, marketing and promotion skills; proven abilities in creative problem solving.

Email englishlesley@gmail.com to request more information.

Mail resumés with accompanying cover letters to: Rural Performing Arts Symposium, Haliburton County Community Cooperative, P.O. Box 1449, Haliburton, ON, K0M 1S0

OR

Email to englishlesley@gmail.com subject line: arts symposium coordinator

Applications must be received by Feb/17/2013



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Recent Events

The Pat and Phyllys Gallen Lake Trout Ice Fishing Derby was a terrific success with a record turnout.

The lucky winners were:

1. Ray Shaw 10.659 Farquahar
2. Kevin Bowman 4.18 Grace
3. Scott Clement 2.673

- Farquahar
4. Ken Bowers 2.354 Farquahar
 5. Brent Stagg 2.156 Farquahar

Upcoming Events

Ken McFarlane Memorial Lake Trout Ice Fishing Derby - Saturday, Feb. 23. Register at the Legion by close on Feb. 22 or Fishes Lunch Box by 10 a.m. on the Feb. 23.

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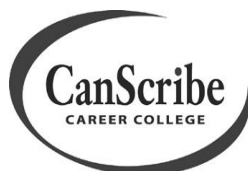
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In memoriam

Foster, Pearl in memory of a dear
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Card of thanks

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Haliburton area that have
supported us through the loss
of our loved one. Thank you
to our family and friends, for
their condolences, flowers,
memorial gifts, cards, phone
calls and acts of kindness.
We truly appreciate those
who made it to Huntsville for
the visitation and funeral,
despite challenging
weather conditions.



Card of thanks

Thank you to all

The family of the late Judy Thibadeau would like to express
their sincere gratitude to all those who sympathized with
them on their recent sad bereavement. The comfort, support
and help received from relatives, friends, neighbours and
community has been very much appreciated and we will
be eternally grateful. We wish to also express our heartfelt
thanks to all who provided food, sent sympathy cards, floral
tributes and donations in lieu.

Our sincere and appreciative thanks go to Barry & Kirsten
for the sensitive and professional way they carried out the
arrangements. A special thank-you to Dr. Armstrong, Kathy,
Vicki and the nursing staff of the Haliburton Hospital for
their care, support and compassion shown to Judy and
ourselves throughout her brief illness.

Judy was loving and accepting of all who entered her life, and
those who did were honoured and privileged to know her, but
in her own humble way she would say that it was she who
was honoured and privileged to have known all of you.
We hope this acknowledgement will be accepted by all as a
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Deaths

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Kenneth Young
(Resident of Wilberforce, Ontario)

Peacefully with his family by his side on
Wednesday afternoon, January 30, 2013 in his
93rd year. Loving companion of Barbara Fudger
of Wilberforce. Loving father of Marion (Steve)
and Kenneth Jr. (Shirley) all of Oshawa. Fondly
remembered by his grandchildren Monica (Dan),
Greg, Paul, Patrick (Bernie), Margaret (Dean),
Kenneth (Marilyn) and Kevin (Sue) and by his
many great grandchildren. Dear brother of Edna
and Jo. Predeceased by his many brothers and
sisters. Also lovingly remembered by many
nieces and nephews. Ken worked for General
Motors for over 30 years. He enjoyed carpentry,
gardening and would help those in need.

Private Remembrance Gathering & Reception

A Private remembrance gathering & reception was held. As expressions of
sympathy, donations to South Wilberforce United Church or Haliburton Highlands
Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Funeral
arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL
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William (Bill) Elwood Schell



It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of William (Bill) Elwood Schell on Monday, January 14, 2013 at the Huntsville District Memorial Hospital. With his family by his bedside he passed away suddenly yet peacefully at the age of 76.

Beloved husband for 51 years of Marlene Schell (nee Barry), and cherished father of Ronna Hutchins and Tiffany Schell. He also leaves behind his son-in-law Tim Hutchins, grandchildren Travis and Allyssa Hutchins, sister Verley Randall, brother Les Schell and his wife Ruth, brother Richard (Dick) Schell and his wife Carole Anne, and a wealth of nieces, nephews, and friends. Bill was predeceased by sister Eileen Little, brother Mark Schell, brother Grenville Schell, sister Denise Sheffee, and sister Anne Schell.

Bill was born in 1936 at Eagle Lake, in Haliburton County, to Charles Warren and Sarah Ida (nee Sisson) Schell. The Schell family was involved in the logging industry and lived in a number of Haliburton area locations while Bill was a boy including: Eagle Lake, Haliburton, Cranberry Lake, and Redstone Lake. In 1947, when Bill was 11, the Schell's moved to Lake Kennis (affectionately called 'Kennis' by Bill) where they remained for Bill's teenage years. Bill attended elementary school in West Guilford and high school in Haliburton. In 1954 he began working for Hay & Co., the company that employed his father and older siblings, and in 1958 he worked for his brother-in-law Wallace Little Logging. In 1960, while working for Wallace Little, Bill relocated to Huntsville where he laid down roots with his wife, had a family, and became a very active member of the community.

From 1976 to 1993 Bill served as a municipal councilor for the Town of Huntsville and a district councilor for the District of Muskoka. During his tenure he chaired and served on a number of committees, including the Planning Committee, the Committee of Adjustment, and the District Land Division Committee, where he was involved with the evolution of a community he had grown so much to love. Additionally, Bill was also involved in Protective Services for Huntsville, as the Fire Coordinator for over a decade, as well as Public Infrastructure projects, such as the Centre Street Bridge, where a plaque can be located bearing his name.

Bill worked on a number of local boards and organizations in Muskoka including: the Children's Aid Society, the Huntsville Lacrosse Association, the Algonquin Forestry Authority, the Locks United Church, Sportrec, the Fairvern Board, Presbytery, and Club 55.

Bill always had the best interests of the community at heart. As a differently abled individual he bore his setbacks with dignity and grace and never complained about his lot in life. Bill's sincerity, sense of humour, integrity, and dedication will be remembered and treasured by all who knew him.

A Funeral Service was held at Trinity United Church in Huntsville on Saturday January 19, 2013.

The family would appreciate Memorial Gifts in honour of Bill Schell be sent to: the Heart and Stroke Foundation, the Fairvern Building Fund, or the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters. Arrangements entrusted to the Billingsley Funeral Home.

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WINDER, Mabel May (nee Newstead) -

Passed away peacefully at the Highland Wood LTC, Haliburton on Friday, February 1, 2013 with her family by her side. In her 103rd year. Beloved wife of the late Harry. Dear mother of Robert and his wife Sandi of Haliburton, David and his wife Marilyn (both deceased), George and his wife Greelda of Pickering, Ron (deceased) and his wife Shirley. Loving Grandma to many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Dear sister of the late Clara, Marie, Jean, Bob and Hazel. Fondly remembered by her nieces and nephews. In accordance to Mabel's wishes, cremation has taken place. A Graveside Interment Service will be held at the Glamorgan Cemetery, Gooderham on Saturday, July 6, 2013 at 11:00 am. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated and can be arranged locally through the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

4	8	1	2	7	3	6	9	5
7	6	9	1	4	9	3	2	8
3	2	9	5	6	8	7	4	1
2	5	6	4	3	1	8	9	7
8	3	4	6	9	7	5	1	2
1	9	7	8	2	5	4	6	3
6	4	8	7	5	2	1	3	9
9	7	2	3	1	4	6	8	5
5	1	5	3	6	8	9	2	4

ANSWER:

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Last week's answer:

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Afraid feeling
5. Cause to be embarrassed
10. A group of hunting animals
14. At some prior time
15. Paper-, art material
16. Disney's "___ and Stitch"
17. College army
18. Essential oil from flowers
19. Solo vocal piece
20. "Bodyguard's" female star
23. Liz's 3rd husband Mike
24. A weapons emplacement
25. Vast desert in N Africa
28. Fasten by sewing
32. Organic compound
33. Cooper's Hawk (abbr.)
34. Immerse in a liquid
35. A beatnik's abode
36. Utter sounds
38. Used esp. of dry vegetation
39. Live in
42. Metric linear units
44. Indian frock
46. Stand for a coffin
47. The Great Emancipator
53. Brown coat mixed with gray or white
54. Lightly fry
55. New Yorker film critic Pauline
57. European sea eagle
58. Lasiocampidae
59. Another name for Irish Gaelic
60. Droops
61. Clairvoyants
62. Phonograph record

CLUES DOWN

1. On behalf of
2. Enough (archaic)
3. Adrenocorticotropin
4. Public recitation
5. "Gunsmoke" actress Blake
6. Waited with ___ breath
7. ___-Breaky Heart
8. Sacco and Vanzetti artist Ben
9. Those who inspire others
10. Capable of being shaped
11. Cardinal compass point (Scot.)
12. TV advertising award
13. Zen Buddhist riddle
21. Hill (Celtic)
22. Universal standard time
25. Passover feast and ceremony
26. Zanzibar copal
27. NE Arizona pueblo people
29. Pith helmet
30. Small trout-like fish
31. Greek hell
37. Herbal teas
38. Struck a golf ball
40. Dash
41. Removes writing
42. Coal laborers
43. Old world, new
45. Mental representation
46. Someone who bites
47. Greek god of war
48. Albanian word for snow
49. Resounded
50. Solo racing sled
51. Gull suborder
52. Crimefighter Elliot
56. Albanian monetary unit

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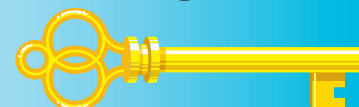
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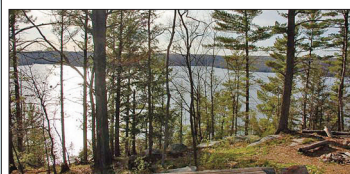
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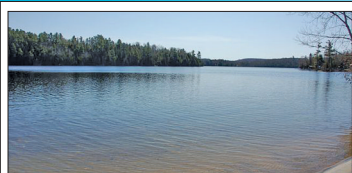
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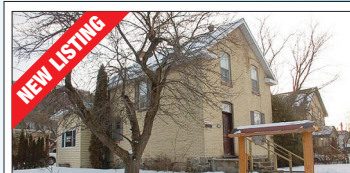
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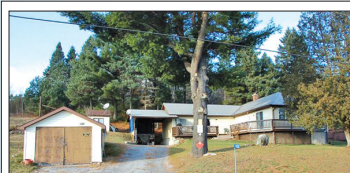
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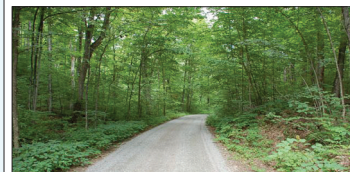
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